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1. RE REF A, AGENCY IS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN
THAT J. B. BARTLETT IS UNAVAILABLE TO ATTEND SUBJECT
MEETING AND HAS URGED THAT THIS DECISION BE RECONSIDERED.

2. AGENCY POINTS OUT THAT THIS ADVISORY GROUP WILL PRO-
VIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KEY MEMBER STATES TO REVIEW AND
INCLUDE THEIR INPUTS IN THE OVERALL GUIDE UNDER PREPARA-
TION TO CORRELATE THE WIDE VARIETY OF POTENTIAL WASTE
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TYPES AND FORMS AND THE DIFFERENT TECHNICAL AND ENVIRON-
MENTAL ASPECTS OF THE DISPOSAL OPTIONS. THIS DRAFT
GUIDE, WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED BY SUBJECT GROUP, IS THE
FIRST OF A SERIES OF CODES OF PRACTICE AND GUIDELINES
AND CRITERIA FOR THE SAFE DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES
INTO GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS. AS SUCH, IT WILL BE A PRIME
DOCUMENT IN THE AGENCY'S ENTIRE GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL PRO-

GRAM, AND THE AGENCY BELIEVES IT WOULD SUFFER SUBSTANTIAL-
LY IF U.S. VIEWS AND INPUTS ARE OMITTED THROUGH LACK OF
PARTICIPATION IN THIS MEETING.

3. AGENCY BELIEVES BARTLETT, WHO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN
PREPARING THE FIRST DRAFT OF THIS DOCUMENT, IS PROBABLY
THE MOST EXPERIENCED PERSON IN THE U.S. WHO COULD PARTICI-
PATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE MEETING, BUT AGENCY IS WILLING TO
ACCEPT AN ALTERNATE IF NECESSARY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE SOME
U.S. INPUTS IN THE MEETING. IN THIS CONNECTION, AGENCY
SUGGESTS SOMEONE ELSE FROM BATTELLE NORTHWEST, OR IF THAT
IS NOT RPT NOT FEASIBLE, AGENCY NOTES THAT JOHN ADAMS OR
SOMEONE ELSE IN WILLIAM BISHOP'S GROUP IN NRC (OR BISHOP
HIMSELF) COULD MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION.

4. AGENCY IS PLEASED THAT GEORGE DEBUCHANANE, USGS, IS
AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING AS A COST-FREE
EXPERT PER REF A, SINCE, AS NOTED REF B, AGENCY CONSIDERED
THERE WAS A GAP IN COVERAGE DUE TO LACK OF A GEOLOGIST.
THIS HAS BEEN RECTIFIED AND AGENCY GREATLY APPRECIATES
U.S. PROMPT AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE. (AGENCY HAS NOTED
THAT DEBUCHANANE'S PARTICIPATION CANNOT SUBSITUTE FOR THE
BROADER EXPERTISE DESIRED FROM BARTLETT OR SOME OTHER
APPROPRIATELY QUALIFIED PERSON.)

5. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, AGENCY WOULD APPRECIATE RE-
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CONSIDERATION RE BARTLETTE NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE
MEETING, OR ALTERNATIVELY, NOMINATION OF A REPLACEMENT
FROM BATTELLE NORTHWEST OR NRC.

6. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. KIRK

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